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Suisun Marsh Pipeline Spill Update

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PIPELINE SPILL UPDATE #3

SUISUN CITY, Calif. – The U.S. Coast Guard, California Dept. of Fish and Game Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR), and Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P. (KMP), continue activities in response to the diesel spill from a pipeline into Suisun Marsh, near Cordelia, California. The following applies to this incident:

- Pipeline repair crews worked through the night.
- The damaged section of pipe has been removed and will be taken to a laboratory for an independent evaluation to assist in determining the cause of the leak. Results are expected to take several weeks.
- Approximately 50 feet of new pipe will be installed and certified prior to placing the pipeline back in service.
- Officials from the U.S. Dept. of Transportation and State Fire Marshal's Office are closely monitoring the repair and start-up procedures on the pipeline.
- Kinder Morgan expects that the pipeline will return to service on Sunday.
- Assessment teams report that spilled diesel fuel remains in pockets within the 242-acre marsh area, and has not flowed into either Suisun or Montezuma Sloughs. Cleanup operations continue in the spill area.
- Applications for third party claims may be made by calling 510-690-9840.
- Environmental agencies continue to assess the spill's impact to natural resources.
- OSPR has acquired the assistance of a wildlife expert from UC Davis to set-up "hazing" equipment to discourage wildlife from entering the spill area. This includes noise-producing devices, mylar tapes, and balloons, which frighten birds and other wildlife away from the diesel.

- Oiled wildlife at the San Francisco Bay Oiled Wildlife Care and Education Center include:
 - Nine live birds (mallard, bufflehead, goldeneye)
 - Eight dead birds (sandpiper, plover, teal duckling)
 - Six dead mammals (beaver, muskrat, mole)
- Approximately 135 people are working on the spill response; these include 30 federal, 30 state, 25 Kinder Morgan, and 50 contracted clean-up professionals.
- Cause of the pipeline break is under investigation.

The organizations involved in the incident include:

OVER-ALL SUPERVISION OF SPILL RESPONSE

- U.S. Coast Guard (Federal On-Scene Coordinator)
- California Dept. of Fish and Game - Office of Spill Prevention and Response (State On-Scene Coordinator)

PIPELINE SAFETY

- U.S. Dept. of Transportation (DOT)
- CA Dept. of Forestry & Fire Protection - Office of State Fire Marshal

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

- DFG-OSPR
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

SITE ACCESS CONTROL

- Solano County Sheriff

GENERAL SUPPORT & COORDINATION:

- California Office of Emergency Services (OES)
- Suisun Resource Conservation District (manages the marsh)